

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 10

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome to Week Ten of Term Three or Week Thirty Two for the year.

Firstly I would like to thank the parents who have sent in updated enrolment information for next year. This information is very helpful as it enables us to plan out how classes will be comprised for next year. We have a high number of enrolments for next year, obviously mostly in Room One, but right through the school up to Year Seven, so it is important we know the exact numbers of pupils that we will have in each year group.

Owing to the unusual configuration of the school terms this year because of the Rugby World Cup the beginning of next term will be very busy with a number of activities that usually occur later in the term occurring early next term:

The senior school camp is in week one, and the Fair and athletics also occur very early. Summer sport will be very short and sharp with most codes only offering 5-6 rounds in term four.

I was driving my daughter and five team mates back from a hockey tournament in Timaru on Saturday night when I was able to think through their chatter, I reflected on how busy life is getting.

I won't bore you with my details but suffice it to say I didn't have much down time over the week end.

I think that it becomes imperative that we prioritize and that we remember we are moving into the season of Christmas and the time of 'Good will to all'. To help us to live out this ethos we must allow some time for relaxation—whatever we deem this to be, so in your busy lives remember to keep a little time set aside to wind down.

To support the Cancer Society we would like children who have canteen bandanas to wear them on Thursday (Mufti day).

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan**

Colouring in Competition

The colouring competition that James Mullenger from ASB spoke about at assembly on Friday will be given to the children later in the week.

Room 5 Assembly



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

PTA News...

Mufti Day this Thursday –Come dressed in your favorite Rugby World Cup Team colours (optional). And please remember to bring along your Tombola item. Free fun ride ticket for everyone who brings their Tombola item!

Help Needed! We need lots more helpers so please send in your helpers form.

White Elephant—If you are having a cleanout over the holidays remember to bring in any unwanted goods for this popular stall!

Beginners Guitar Lessons

Beginners Guitar to start **this Thursday 6th** October in Room 5 from 3.05—3.45pm. Please enroll at the school office. Cost for five lessons is \$15 payable to the office before lessons begin please. Thanks Mary Dillon.

A thought for the week...

Excellence can be attained if you care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical and expect more than others think is possible.

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Altar Servers Sunday 9th October
Lilly McKewen, Jaylah Kennedy, Thomas Kelly.

Netball and Miniball

Please Send all Winter Sports Uniforms back by this Thursday!

Netball: Could all skirts please be returned to your child's class teacher, CLEAN (**please follow the washing instructions carefully**) and pressed, ready for next year.

Looking Ahead Term 3

October

5th Choir & Stars on Stage combined shared lunch.

BOT Meeting 7.30pm

6th Mufti Day— See notice above

7th Blues/Sports Assembly 2.20pm

7th End of Term

25th Term 4 Begins

25th—28th Senior Camp

November

8th Athletics Day

9th First reconciliation Parent Meeting, Parish Centre 7pm

22nd Otago Athletics Champs—qualifiers only

Welcome to our School



New Entrants Harrison McFelin and Miguel Tolentino to Room 1, and to Jade Lindsay in Room 6.

Haddon Shield

A team from our school took part in the Haddon Shield Public Speaking Competition at Outram school last Wednesday. All of the children did very well with the team gaining two wins, two seconds and a third place.



Room 7 DARE Programme Funday



On Thursday Room 7 had their DARE Funday at Lazer Force and Moana Pool. The Funday is a celebration we have once we complete the "DARE to Make a Choice" programme. This programme is a health education programme which was taught by Constable Lousie France (Police Education Officer) and Mrs Baines. We had a fantastic time!!!

Fun With Maths - Holiday Course Take this opportunity to boost your child's confidence and mathematics skills. Monday 17th –Friday 21st October, daily from 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Ten hours of intensive tuition on individualized programmes PLUS a free assessment and introductory lesson. Phone 474 1104 to book a place.

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of each month
beside the BNZ
3pm – 6pm**

OCTOBER 14th